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Letter

MR. RODRIGUES,

I received your fax of the amendment C dated Nov. 21, 2002. This particular amendment was in fact entered at that time and, as a matter of fact, it is *that* amendment to which I am referring in my last office action. When we first received that amendment dated Nov. 21, 2002, we attempted to renumber the claims in lieu of the added claims 34-37 which is normally not a problem. However, since those newly added claims had dependencies both earlier in the numbering sequence and later in the numbering sequence, this presented a challenge in as much as it was necessary to avoid improper dependencies. After several different people tried to renumber the entire docket of claims while providing proper dependencies we decided to call you and asked you to renumber them as you so appropriate. You did in fact send us a paper headed the Version with Marking to Show Changes Made which also contained the same improper dependencies..... that we were struggling with. For example, note renumbered claim 36 (now 18) was dependent upon claim 8 (which is now claim 11). This is where the problem starts because claim 8 has previously been renumbered as claim 11 and thus the improper dependencies just snowball from that point. Since the case was being held too long we decided that it was best to withdraw it from issue since neither the computer system nor the printers could print the claims unless the sequence of numbering was correct and there were no improper dependencies.

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] In the construction of the bucket of this invention, various materials have been selected ~~[[and]]~~ which offer a number of diverse properties ~~[[,]]~~ and allow for varied functions of the article. For caustic solutions, the bucket can be made of a durable ~~polymer~~ plastic material. Where an aesthetic appeal is desired, the bucket can be any ~~[[of]]~~ one of many attractive colors. The following ~~listing~~ list of properties serves to define possible uses for the buckets.

Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following amended paragraph:

[0045] Figure 1 displays a bucket of the invention. As can be seen from the drawing, ~~the~~ a handle is attached to the upper lip of the structure and connected at points diametrically opposite each other on the circumference.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0075]:

[0075.1] An optional feature of the articles of the invention is the addition of a tetrafluoroethylene coating to the bucket to provide protection from any contents which might be caustic. The coating can be provided to the surface during the manufacturing process or can be added in a later step.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, which starts with "Under normal circumstances"

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): A bucket with a handle.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A handle comprising an elongated wire.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The handle of claim 7 further comprising a plastic grip.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A bucket with a ~~green~~ blue handle.

Claim 10 (original): The bucket of claim 9 wherein the handle is made of wood.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (not entered)

Claim 13 (new): A bucket with plastic sides and bottom.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1-2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1-2. In Figure 2, previously omitted element 13 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the paragraphs [0021] and [0045] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems. The new paragraph [0075.1] added after paragraph [0075] discusses in general terms the features taken from Example 4.

In amended Figure 2, the previously omitted element numeral 13 has been added.

Claims 6-10 and 12-13 remain in this application. Claims 1-5 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 7 and 8 have been withdrawn.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 6 and 9-10 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 7-8 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Claim 13 adds an additional feature from Example 2 in the specification.

In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 7-8 in a divisional application

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments



